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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand
3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable): Shelf stable petfood
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: All Countries
5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document: Import health standard for the importation of Shelf-stable petfoods into New Zealand from All Countries. (English) – Eleven pages.
6. Description of content: There have been a large number of non conformances and needless equivalences given. The entire standard has been reworked, important changes to note are: Sections about categories of petfoods and the treatment options available have been changed to better reflect the risk from the country, for example the restrictions on petfood from Australia have been minimised to petfood containing honey and avian products. The requirement for canning or retorting has been expanded to canned and retorted or heated to an equivalent time or temperature as specified by the IHS with the declaration to be endorsed by a government official A note has been added that petfoods consisting of marine fish do not require additional certification.
7. Objective and rationale: [] food safety, [X] animal health, [] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [X] protect territory from other damage from pests
8. International standard, guideline or recommendation: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission, [X] Office International des Epizooties, [] International Plant Protection Convention, [] None

If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:

9. Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:

Import health standard for the importation of Shelf-stable pet foods into New Zealand from All Countries.

10. Proposed date of adoption: 18/07/08

11. Proposed date of entry into force: 01/08/08

12. Final date for comments: 27/07/08

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